

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Attention: 401 Coordinator
OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov
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Project Applicant: Caltrans – Karen Holmes

Applicant's Agent: Caltrans – Meg Perry

Project Name: San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project

Receiving Water: San Juan Creek and East Ditch

City/County: East of San Juan Bautista / San Benito

Public Notice: July 22, 2019 – August 12, 2019

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve route continuity, reduce congestion, and increase safety by widening State Route 156 from two lanes to four lanes.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction a new eastbound bridge over San Juan Creek;
- Widening the East Ditch to increase flood capacity;
- Replacing the box culvert with a bridge at Mission/Vineyard Road; and
- Relocating a buried steel gas pipe across the East Ditch.

Proposed Mitigation:

Creating 0.44 acres/1330 linear feet of streambed.

Restoring 0.24 acres of streambed and 1.04 acres of riparian zone.

Enhancing 0.69 acres of riparian zone.

Caltrans filed an Environmental Impact Report on August 19, 2011.